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TO : Chief, Security Branch

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FROM : Interrogation Research Section

SUBJECT: Interrogation Collection Requirement

Due to recent and continual advancements in general interrogation procedure and in the use of technical interrogation aids, it is extremely important that this organization keep abreast to progress being made throughout the entire world. This information is essential in order that we might keep our personnel in the field well informed as to what they might expect, in order that we might properly train personnel about to go overseas, in order that we might perfect counter measures in our research program and in order that we might be prepared to operationally use methods which, in effectiveness, are equal or superior to methods used by unfriendly countries.

A very unfortunate situation now exists in the field. Each of the numerous intelligence organizations, contacted during the recent overseas trip, was laboring under the false impression that some other organization was handling the collection of interrogation information. All organizations felt that there exists a great deal of interrogation information in the field. After assembling the over-all picture, it must be concluded that almost 100% of information concerning advanced interrogation is being neglected completely.

It seems essential that a collection requirement be issued covering the field of general and advanced interrogation methods and the suspected use of operational hypnosis and drugs by unfriendly countries. During the recent trip, it was quite conclusively determined that the Russians and Russian dominated countries are making use of such advanced interrogation and operational methods. Due to the lack of time and facilities, only a small amount of information regarding these used was collected. Numerous sources are available in the field today.

It is suggested that this office be authorized to issue a collection requirement setting forth the necessary Essential Elements of Information. It is further requested that this office be allowed to be the recipient of such information and be allowed to revise and keep current the E.E.I.'s concerned.

It is further suggested that until adequate specialists are available in the ordinary Agency channels of evaluation, this office be allowed to evaluate and issue reports concerning such information.

The importance of acquiring such information cannot be over emphasized. It is this category of information which is needed immediately in conjunction with the formulation of plans for future research projects of this office, establishment of Security Validation Teams, the use of operational hypnosis and drugs, and the establishment of an interrogation training and testing program.

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